

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

MINES & MINERALS – Grant of Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) for Crude Oil and Natural Gas over an extent of 114.93 Sq Km in DSF Contract area KG/ONDSF/KAZA/2018 in Krishna District for a further period of 4 years in favour of M/s Vedanta Limited under rule 5(1) (ii) of Petroleum & Natural Gas Rules, 1959- Orders - Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.03

Dated:18.01.2023
Read the following:

1. From M/s Vedanta Limited application, Dt:06.06.2019.
2. G.O.Ms.No.94, Ind & Com (M.III) Dept., Dt:07.11.2019.
3. From M/s Vedanta Limited application, Dt:19.06.2020.
4. From Government of India, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Letter No. F.No. Expl- 13012(12)/18/2020-EXPL-PNG, dt.18.09.2020.
5. From the Director of Mines & Geology, AP, file No.230/D6/2020, dt.11.11.2020.

ORDER:

In the application 1st read above, M/s Vedanta Limited has filed transfer of Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) through Mee seva on 06.06.2019 and the same was received by the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Vijayawada on 10.06.2019 in Kaza filed on Krishna District over an extent of 114.93 Sq Km.

2. In the GO 2nd read above, the Government have granted West Godavari PML area to M/s. ONGC Limited and the lease period has been expired on 31.12.2019. Hence, the question of part transfer of PML from M/s ONGC Ltd., in favour of M/s Vedanta Limited at this juncture does not arise. Therefore, the application 1st read above, fled by M/s Vedanta Limited for part transfer of an area of 114.93 Sq.Km in Kaza feld in Krishna District deserves rejection.

3. Further, M/s Vedanta Limited has fled Fresh application 3rd read above, for grant of Mining lease over an extent of 114.93 Sq.Kms in DSF Contract area of KG/ONDSF/KAZA/2018 and paid the requisite amounts towards Application fee and submitted required documents. Further, M/s Vedanta Ltd., requested to refund the security deposit of Rs. 8,00,000/- and annual licence fee of Rs. 2,00,000/- which was submitted at the time of fling of Transfer of PML application dated 06.06.2019 which was rejected.

4. In the letter 4th read above, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India conveyed the approval for grant of Petroleum Mining Lease for Contract area of KG/ONDSF/KAZA/2018 under Discovered Small Field(DSF) Policy round II measuring an area of 114.93 Sq Km.

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5. In the single e-file 5th read above, the Director of Mines and Geology, A.P., has recommended that the Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) be granted for Crude Oil and Natural Gas for entire subject area for a further period of 4 years in favour of M/s Vedanta Limited, and for refund of the security deposit which was submitted by M/s Vedanta Limited at the time of filing of Transfer of PML application dated 06.06.2019 which was rejected earlier.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby grant Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) for Crude Oil and Natural Gas over an extent of 114.93 Sq Km in DSF Contract area KG/ONDSF/KAZA/2018 in Krishna District for a further period of 4 years in favour of M/s Vedanta Limited under Rule 5(1)(ii) of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959, subject to satisfaction of all other terms and conditions laid down under the Oil Fields (Regulation & Development) Act, 1948 and Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959 and also standing instructions and guidelines issued by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, GoI from time to time, duly according permission to refund the security deposit which was submitted by M/s Vedanta Limited at the time of filing of Transfer of PML application dated 06.06.2019 which was rejected earlier.

7. This Grant is liable for cancellation, if it is found at later date that it was grossly inequitable or was made under a mistake of fact or owing to misrepresentation or fraud in excess of authority or non submission of Statutory clearances i.e., EC, CFE, CFO etc.

8. The Director of Mines & Geology, Government of A.P., shall take necessary further action accordingly, after satisfying himself that the grantee fulfills all the required terms and conditions as stipulated in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(Mines)(FAC)

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The Director of Mines & Geology, Ibrahimpatnam, NTR District.

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The Deputy Director of Mines & Geology.
The Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Krishna District.
The District Collector, Krishna District.
The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India.
The Secy. to Govt. of India, Ministry of Mines, Shastry Bhavan, New Delhi.
The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, Indira Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur.
The Director General, Mines Safety, Dhanbad, Jarkand.
The Regional Controller of Mines, Koti, Hyderabad.
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